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At a meeting of the Governing Body, held on 10 March 1976, it was decided to terminate the category of membership known as Associates of the Society. All the benefits available to Associates would continue to be available to subscribers to the *Journal of medical ethics*.

DOCUMENTATION

The proceedings of the 13th Annual Conference of the London Medical Group, held in conjunction with the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics, on 'Death: The conspiracy of silence' are available, price £2.50 per copy (overseas £3.50) or, to current subscribers to this Journal, £1 per copy (overseas £2).

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The Governing Body has appointed Dr Kenneth Boyd, MA, BD, PhD, as Honorary Scottish Director of Studies of the Society. He is Secretary of the Edinburgh Medical Group and an EMG research fellow.

RECENT GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Her Majesty The Queen has honoured the *London Medical Group* with a further donation for its work in the 12 London teaching hospitals and medical schools.

Further grants totalling £15 000 have been made to the Society by the Sir Cyril Kleinwort Charitable Trust and the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust, with special respect to the *Journal of medical ethics*.

Grants of £2 500 have been received from an anonymous donor and £1 000 from the Wates Foundation.

London Medical Group

The King Edward VII Hospital Fund for London has awarded

a further grant of £5 000 per annum for three years to the London Medical Group.

The Special Trustees of St Thomas's Hospital have made a grant of £500 per annum for three years.

During the current year other grants have been received from the Astor Foundation, the Wellcome Foundation, the Discovery Foundation, London Rubber Company, Lord Sainsbury, BUPA, the Trustees of Godfrey Winn, the Chapel Royal and from the deans of the following medical schools: Guy's Hospital, The London Hospital, St Bartholomew's Hospital, St Mary's Hospital, St Thomas's Hospital, University College Hospital.

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Philosophical perspectives

The Institute for the Medical Humanities of the University of Texas Medical Branch will host the fourth symposium on philosophy and medicine, devoted to the theme 'Mental health: Philosophical perspectives'.

There are no registration charges. For information concerning this symposium please write to: Professor H Tristram Engelhardt, Jr, Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas 77550 (713-765-2376).